

**PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

Members Present: Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Brian Schroeder, Christine Melby, and Mandi Erickson. Late arrival Joe Ard

Members Absent: Frank Norton

Others Present: Noah Wiedenfeld, Jeremiah Wendt, and Michael Mroz

Jon Hailey moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

Brian Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

Public Business Items

Nothing.

Consent Agenda

Nothing

Unfinished Business:

Park System Plan: Fox Run & Whispering Prairie Parkland:

The following items will be added to the park plan. These items were most requested from the open house. Motion was made by Jon Hailey to add the following into Fox Run & Whispering Prairie large amenities:

- Paved trails
- School age Playground
- Mowed Trails
- Benches
- Native Prairie
- Swing set
- Tree plantings
- School Age Playground
- Paved Trails
- Swing Set
- Benches
- Rock climbing wall
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Mowed trails
- Tree Plantings
- Drinking Fountain
- Baseball Backstop
- Outdoor Fire Pit
- Disc Golf Course
- Shade trees
- Outdoor Grill
- Toddler Tunnel
- Climber

- Shelters and Picnic tables

seconded by Brian Schroeder, motion carried. There was discussion on the location where these items would be located in the development. In addition, these need to be added into Park Plan.

NRRP Website Development:

Michael Mroz updated the Park Board on the New Richmond Recreation Partnership website. He highlighted key features and demonstrated how the site will work. The official target launch is January 1, 2018.

New Business

125th Street Design and Bicycle/Pedestrian Accommodations:

During the planning phase of this project a key topic of discussion has been how do we accommodate bikes and pedestrians on this street? There are wetlands in the area, which limits the type of pedestrian accommodations. Staff recommendations are to construct 4' paved bike lanes on both sides of 125th Street, along with street lighting and use the funds that would have been use to build an off-street trail at a different location. The proposed location to construct off-street trail is parallel to CTH A. The trail along 125th Street would serve 13 parcels that currently don't have connected trail access. The trail along CTH A trail would serve over 200 parcels that currently don't have connected trail access.

Jon Hailey moved to accept the design as presented to improve 125th pedestrian walking, adding trails along County Road A and prioritize County Road A to Woodland Creek, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

Doughboy Trail Benches:

Noah presented different options for benches along the Doughboy Trail. The question was proposed to the board as to whether or not we want a different style of Memorial Bench in this area to match the John Doar History Trail amenities. Christine Melby moved to accept the metal and limestone benches for the Doughboy Trail, offer them as memorial benches only for this location, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motion carried 5 yes, 1 no.

Park Land Trust Report:

Park Land Trust Fund - \$124,260.10

Impact Fees Fund – \$5,532.45

Inspections Reports – Handed in to Mike

Announcements:

Farmland leases will be rebid in January.

The board was updated on the canoe/kayak landing.

Freedom Park turf will be aerated and fertilized. Michael is in the process on obtaining quotes for a commercial lawn care company to provide professional turf services for 2018, which will be brought back to the board in December.

Jeremiah updated the board on the Sports Center roof damage from this past summer's hailstorm. There will be a new roof put on the Sports Center due to the storm. The shelters and restrooms also had damage and staff will need to determine if we want to replace them. Brian asked about the water collection at the Sports Center if this is being looked at. This is on staff's list of projects.

Craig Kittle stated the rec supplies budget for 2018 will stay at \$40,000 for repairing things. Park funds need to be used for building things not fixing things. Craig will be meeting with the VFW tomorrow; bridges are now on their list of items they can do.

Brian updated the group on an adaptive playground concept they are working on through LTI. Brian asked if there is a place in the City the Park Board would prefer to see this playground installed. We need a location so we can start fundraising, Brian stated. Hatfield, Freedom, and Victoria Park were suggested. It was also suggested to contact the school to see if there was property it could be put on. This will be on the next month's agenda.

Jon Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by
Marie Bannink
City Secretary